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22. (Newly added) The method of claim 9, wherein said carrier substance consists of cage molecules which bind said counterions in an electronic ground state and release said counterions in an electronic excitation state.

23. (Newly added) The method of claim 22, wherein said cage molecules are formed from cage substances such as those used in cellular physiology for transport of divalent ions into biological cells)

24. (Newly added) The method of claim 9, wherein said carrier substance and said counterions form a salt compound which can be dissolved under the influence of an acidifying solution.

25. (Newly added) The method of claim 9, wherein said ionotropic gels comprise alginic acid molecules.

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